

CHAPTER VI  
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TREE PLANTING PROJECT  
FOR  
WOODFIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Although planting street trees is a common practice in many North Carolina cities, the full value has not generally been achieved from such planting because of lack of a comprehensive community plan and careless selection of trees by abutting property owners. With proper guidance most property owners will gladly plant the trees which will contribute most to the permanent beauty of their street and will avoid planting trees which eventually create traffic hazards and interfere with sewers, sidewalks, and utility installations.

No community is complete without the beauty of well-placed street trees. The presence of trees along the streets tend to soften the formal street and building lines and to bring about a natural and satisfying beauty. Trees also serve to blend homes, churches and business areas into a fluid, pleasing visual pattern.

Despite their assets, street trees, if improperly planted or maintained can become a liability. Trees may be planted too close to the curb or at corners where they interfere with proper vision, thus making them hazardous to the safe use of the street. Trees planted without regard to their fully grown size, may interfere with overhead utilities. They may be planted so that their roots will clog sewers, push up sidewalks, or interfere with the maintenance of underground utilities.

Through a planned program, sponsored by Woodfin in conjunction with local garden clubs and civic groups, a planting program can add beauty to the Town at very little expense over a period of years.